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The Honorable Thomas Barnett Assistant Attorney General Antitrust Division United States Department of Justice 950 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Assistant Attorney General Barnett and Chairman Martin:

As the official voice of "Road Dog Trucking," which airs on SIRIUS Channel 147, I am writing in support of the proposed merger of SIRIUS and XM. I believe that this merger will benefit satellite radio listeners nationwide. This is especially true for those listeners who spend a lot of time on the road and are among the most avid fans of satellite radio.

"Road Dog Trucking" is a 24-hour channel geared toward professional drivers and is devoted entirely to trucking culture. It features news, information, entertainment, music, original talk shows, comedy, and live call-ins from drivers nationwide, but as I'm sure you know, it is only the tip of the iceberg of entertainment and information channels offered by satellite. It can truly be said there is something for everybody.

Truckers were among the first satellite radio customers and many continue to be very loyal listeners. They also will have a lot to gain from this proposed merger. Once this deal is approved, truckers and others who spend many hours on the road will have a greater range of programming choices and packages available to them. Some packages, including certain a la carte options, will be offered at lower prices. And with the addition of "Best of Both" packages, my fellow road dogs will now be able to enjoy the top programming from both SIRIUS and XM services without buying a new radio.

In addition, the merger will give the new company more resources to devote to services that are critical to truckers, such as weather and traffic. For these reasons, other important representatives of the trucking industry, such as the American Trucking Association, also have shown their support for this merger.

As one who travels the length and breadth of this nation every year and someone who is very aware of the convenience and variety of satellilte radio, I would like to add my name to the long list of friends of the trucking industry who strongly believe this merger should be approved as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Daniels